



## **SITUATION REPORT TO ALBERTA JUSTICE AND SOLICITOR GENERAL PUBLIC SECURITY DIVISION**

### **“K” DIVISION**

**PURPOSE:** For the information of the Minister of Justice and Solicitor General, Public Security Division. This Situation Report contains information that is presently available to provide the immediate status of the occurrence. Further information shall be provided in a supplemental Situation Report prepared if required.

**ISSUE:**

- A summary of the updated information presented at the RCMP DEOC Gold/Silver/Bronze Commander's meeting at 1330 hours on 2022-02-09.
- The status of the trucker convoy protest/ road blockade on Highway 4 near Coutts, Alberta continuing from January 29, 2022.

**BACKGROUND:**

- Information from RCMP, CBSA and United States Customs and Border Protection (USCBP) report a convoy and blockade at the Port of Coutts on Sunday, January 30, continuing from January 29, 2022.
- The Port of Coutts operates 24 hours, and is the largest POE in Alberta. Hundreds of commercial and personal vehicles travel through this major thoroughfare on any given day.
- There are border crossings located at Coutts, Del Bonita, and Carway, Alberta. Coutts is the only 24-hour crossing.
- The Coutts POE is positioned on Highway 4 on the Canadian side, and I-15 on the USA side. Coutts is in the Milk River detachment area, Del Bonita is in the Raymond detachment area, and Carway is in the Cardston detachment area.

**CURRENT STATUS as of 1300 hrs on 2022-02-10:**

- Highway 4 remained completely blocked at the Port of Entry (POE) at the Coutts location.
- with the Border access to Coutts blocked, traffic was again stopped by police at the CP10 and CP14 location near Milk River, Alberta to keep traffic from surging south to Coutts.
- Mood remains stabilized, and CCMG remains engaged with the identified leadership group.
- At the main site in Coutts currently 21 semi-trucks, 1 personal vehicle, and 9 farm tractors are lining the northbound side of the highway 4 and 19 semi-trucks, 3 personal vehicles, and 9 farm tractors.
- At check point 10, which is set up 18km north of the main site on highway 4 there are 24 commercial vehicles, 60 RV's, approximately 133 passenger vehicles, and 9 farm tractors.
- Sheriff resources continue to be engaged to ensure checkpoints north of the Carway and Del Bonita POE's are active while the ports are open (both close at 2100).



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- The need for heavy equipment to clear the highway of vehicles still exists and will be critical for any enforcement action. Investigative team has secured some light duty tow strategies (standard tow truck for personal vehicle), and have one heavy duty tow truck owned by the City of Edmonton on stand by due to tactical considerations. Given it is only one tow truck, investigators are still working on potential strategies that would support that asset.
- CCMG worked with the community and identified an area that would allow for a legal protest, which would enhance police and public safety. This area is owned by the Ministry of Transportation and has been outfitted by a community group with free Wi-Fi to make it a more attractive option to shift the crowd away from the roadway. Attempt to relocate the protest group off Highway 4 have been unsuccessful thus far. CCMG will continue efforts today.

#### **CONDUCT / CIVIL RISK ASSESSMENT:**

- N/A

#### **STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS:**

- Media releases continue to be disseminated when required.
- Social media messaging from RCMP accounts is being used heavily in the print media.
- Social media is being monitored, comments have turned negative towards law enforcement throughout the day.

#### **MEMBER / EMPLOYEE WELLNESS:**

- N/A

#### **CONDUCT / CIVIL RISK ASSESSMENT:**

- N/A

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